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Truth.

Be true to everything you do,
  Be true in all you say;
Seek simple truth: add naught thereto
  And, too, take naught away.

Seek not to hide the truth from sight:
  'Tis easy to deceive;
Yet one untruth, however slight,
  A giant web may weave.

Prevarication is a sin
  That thrives in every heart,
Unless we strive the day to win
  And make the foe depart.

May we be true as in God's sight.
  Honest in everything;
True ever to our sense of right,
  True to our God and King!

SELECTED.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

March 13, 1886.—As I was about ready to start from home to visit and hold a meeting with the brethren of the Fairview church south of Washington C. H., Ohio, on Thursday the 11th, inst., the Sheriff of Wayne Co., interfered and by virtue of his office required me to appear at Wooster, at 9 A. M. next day. So, instead of going to Washington C. H., I had to go to Wooster Court House, and disappoint the brethren and friends at Fairview on Friday evening, at least. Through the courtesy of the Court and Attorneys, I was allowed to put in my testimony first, and by noon, was discharged. Went to Mansfield that night and this morning came to Springfield, but our train being a little late, the southbound train from here was gone. How is it any way, that the late train is always the wrong one? Now the chances are that I will disappoint again tonight. May possibly get there a little late, but in time to let the people know that I am on hand.

While on the train this forenoon, I had the first chance to read this week's EVANGELIST. I call it a very good No. the correspondence is excellent, especially that from the little folks. I look upon these little ones as the future hope of the church, and they should receive every reasonable encouragement; and as two of them are this week inquiring for the "shortest verse in the Bible," I will just here, from memory say, I think it is this: "Jesus Wept," and is found in the 11th chapter of John. Am I right? There are however some things in the paper that I object to, 1st, that long list of names about that quilt. Whoever manipulated that work did not give us a fair chance. Certainly not, or my own name would be there too, and why this privilege was denied me I cannot see, and I hardly know how I can be satisfied now unless I too get a quilt, or something else to satisty me. I know how good one feels under such circumstances. The good people of the Georges Creek church in Fayette Co., Pa., made a present to me of a very nice quilt, about 27 years ago. The gift is still well preserved and the kind hands and hearts of the givers are by no means forgotten although a number of them have long been silent in the grave. It is wonderful how long these little vases planted by the path of life continue to bloom. Oh, yes, their fragrance will reach over and unite with the lilies across the river, and will never die. Surely one of my experience should have had the opportunity of contributing as indicated above. Don't you think so, Bro. Henry?

Another objection we file against the last number of the EVANGELIST is the disposition, to discuss the question of "Doctrinal Preaching." Our objection lies in the fact that there is nothing there to discuss. The whole Gospel is "*Doctrine*" and the whole Gospel, no more and no less should and must be preached, and it is by no means one of the least of the quali cations of a preacher, to have judgment to know when, and how, to preach the different parts of the Doctrine. Well do I remember when I was woefully deficient in this respect. I always had a habit of saying something when I talked, and you know we were taught certain lines of conduct and they were exceedingly hard to shake off even when we saw their baneful effects. For instance I used to think I filled the bill pretty well when the old, *established* Brethren would nod their heads all around me and the congregation in general got "mad", and I usually succeeded very well in this. But I am now decidedly of the opinion that it was not the best way to do, and one of the things that convinced me was hearing and seeing others do the same thing, and, frequently, in a very unworkmanlike manner at that: such as bringing baptism, feet washing, etc., into funeral sermons, a thing that I did even then think out of place and in exceedingly bad taste; and I now think a preacher that is not enough of a judge of human nature to discriminate in the seasonableness of things so as to suit his discourses to the times and season of things, had better go to mauling rails, or chopping cordwood and let others do the preaching. I admire Bro. Tombaugh's article upon this subject very much, and I find no fault with Bro. Bashor either; they really agree. A preacher should not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, but in preaching as well as in other things we must act with discretion and in none of our preaching should we so shape our discourse as to insult those who dissent from our views. I find it the best way to treat every man's views with decent respect, and if I fail to do so he will never be convinced of his errors if errors they are.

Some one no doubt will say Bro. Brown forgets himself when he gets on one certain line. True, there are exceptions to the rule, and when men do ugly things, against better light and knowledge, the language of Peter to Simon Magus, or of Paul to Barnabus, comes in place. We must however carefully discriminate as to the times and seasons as well as the persons with whom we haye to do. Mildness and courtesy, with a decent respect to the opinions of mankind, should be the rule. I think the EVANGELIST is doing "first rate."

P. J. BROWN.

BEAVER VALLEY, NEB.

March 1st, 1886.—Tonight while sitting by the bedside of my sick husband, the thought comes to me that I can employ some of the tedious time in again giving a report of our little band of Christ's followers; as there is no other correspondent from this place. I have felt depressed and morbid all day, but tonight feel I have been looking too much to self for strength, but now I thank God that I can look to a higher Power, and trust all to His wisdom.

Elder Forney has again been with us, preaching from Saturday until Tuesday evening. Monday night having Jesus for a subject, he preached us a glorious sermon, unusually eloquent even for Bro. Forney. If we could have a *number* of such earnest workers as *he*, how the cause of Christ *would prosper*. Not only is he the able minister, but ever the ready friend and sympathizer of all. Forgetting self in the sorrows and troubles of others, encouraging, advising and leading us on to a higher motive in life. Although he is not gathering any into the fold here at present, he is doing a good work and preparing the way for greater things; we feel that his noble efforts for Jesus will not be lost. Our number is small, but we feel that Jesus is our friend and will prosper us if we trust Him.

Our Bible class is interesting, though not largly attended on account of inclement weather; it is ably conducted by Bro. Frank Siebert.

We all feel well pleased at the return of Bro. John Frank from Penn., as his lengthy visit made quite a void in our midst.

I have been reading the EVANGELIST this evening and in its columns find much to interest and encourage those who are trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. I pray the *Father* will abundantly bless all those who are trying to follow the example of Christ. I subscribe myself one who is striving earnestly with God's help to live a true Christian life.

MAT EMBREE.

ELKHART, IND.

DEAR EVANGELIST: You are indeed a welcome visitor in our home. Oh, what soul cheering news; we are made to think of the rejoicing among the angles over sinners that come flocking home to Christ. Blessed be God for that religion which supports us amidst the distress of life and sustains us in the hour of death. How dark this world would be if when deceived and wounded here we could not fly to our heavenly Father who is always ready to dry our tears and still the troubled heart. The blessed Redeemer has opened a fountain, where all may drink and live. We have a bright inheritance, which, in his tender mercy is offered. Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be saved, without money and without price.

It has been said you Progressives are so particular in doing all the commandments. Why don't you send missionaries to convert heathens, we tell them we have heathens near home that need converting first. May the glorious work go on. May sinners flee the wrath to come, and take refuge under the Gospel banner with Christ as our leader.

We long to hear the welcome news: Ashland College is free.

I send one dollar for the College debt.

SISTER SUSIE STUTSMAN.

LINKVILLE, IND.

March 1st.—Doubtless some of the Brethren would like to hear from us. We are at this little village, five miles north of Plymouth. There is a membership of sixteen, one deacon, with Bro. D. S. Cripe as our Elder. We have a nice little church house and will welcome all the brethren ministers that will honor us with a call. Hope if any are passing on the Vandalia line they will stop off at the Water Tank, north of Plymouth, and preach for us. Bro. Fitzgerald, of Tiosa, was with us and gave us a week's meeting and the result was three accessions. Two brothers were baptised and one sister received in membership from the German Baptists.

I met with the Brethren at the Brick School house in St. Jo. Co., two miles north of LaPaz, Ind., where there are some good lively brethren and sisters. Do hope some of the brethren ministers will call on the brethren there and also at LaPaz. Bro. Z. B. Abbott is located at LaPaz, and will welcome all the brethren who will stop off there.

We are looking forward to a time when our little band will be larger and filled with a godly zeal. Remember us. We need the prayers of those we love.

ADAM MASSENA.

Linkville, Ind.

EDITOR EVANGELIST:—Seeing so many donations to some of our ministers, with over-flowing abundance, while others are so much in need, I venture to call attention to old brother G. S. Rinker, who has done so much for the church, and now is very much in need, being crippled with rheumatism he could not do much all winter, then he cut his foot and was obliged to keep his room two weeks. Yesterday, the 28th, he was hauled out and he preached for us. He has no corn, not a handful of wheat, and must buy all. As the West and East are over-flowing with bread and meat, can't some one with over-flowing abundance, supply his pressing wants? His address is Middletown, Virginia, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Yours in love. A SISTER.

Cedarville, Va., March 1.

NICKERSON, KANSAS.

I closed our meeting last night near Little River, after preaching nine sermons. The weather was against us: snow, rain, mud, and dark nights made the attendance small and finally made us close the meeting a week earlier than we had intended.

On Sunday the 7th, we organized a Brethren Church, to be known as the Brethren Church at Little River, with seven members present, two of whom were received from the German Baptist Brethren by relation. Two sisters living in Little River were not present. They have one deacon, our esteemed brother Josiah Gochnour. W. F. Shank was elected clerk for the remainder of this year. After this a request to be received into fellowship from J. H. Fishel, with a proper acknowledgement was received, duly considered and granted, which gives them ten members. May God abundantly bless and prosper this little band of true believers in the Gospel power unto salvation.

Thanks are due to our friends of other denominations for their kindness and assistance in prayer and song; and especially do I feel grateful to brother and sister Shank for their untiring kindness and hospitality to me while I shared in their home. Ministering Brethren are especially invited to stop and preach for the brethren at Little River where they will be met at the depot by writing to Josiah Gochnour, Little River, Rice co., Kansas.

JACOB W. BEER.

TERRA ATLA, W. VA.

March 8th.—Our protracted effort at the Woodland appointment is one of the events of the past. Commenced meeting Sunday, Feb. 21st, continued until Sunday March 7th, when we closed. As an immediate result seven were added to the "Brethren Church, one by relation from the "German Baptist" church. The others came from the world. The writer has now labored with the people at this appointment for one year. The result of which is that up to this time, twenty-one have united with us in Christian relationship, hope the good work may still go on until many more are taken on board the old Gospel ship that has Zion as its destination

S. W. WILT.

ROANN, IND.

We held a meeting five miles south of this place for twelve days. At first our meeting was not largely attended in consequence of the wether and condition of the roads, but the interest grew until we could not accomodate our audience. We had to close with the interest at meridian hight. The result was five accessions to the church, and many expressed a disire to come soon. We closed our meeting on Friday, and Bro. Fitzgerald began Saturday night in Roann. Hope his labors will be crowned with success. At this writing I am at Bunker Hill. Will go to Eaton, Ind., Monday.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

March 12, 1886.